shareholders of NTPC in the light of good financial results and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) paid the highest dividend during the year 2004-05 as compared to the dividends paid during the years 2002-03 and 2003-04. Details of the dividend paid by NTPC during the last three years is as follows:

	2004-05	2003-04	2002-03
Dividend (Rs. Million)	19790	10823	7080
% of Equity	24.00%	13.85%	9.06%

NTPC has recommended the dividend after taking into consideration the internal resources required to be retained for funding of the equity portion of its capacity expansion plan.

Energy conservation clubs

91. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would encourage the formation of energy conservation clubs by NGOs to spread the idea of energy conservation among the general public and whether Government propose to extend financial assistance to the NGOs for the same; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of such organizations functioning in Kerala and the details of financial assistance to them for the last three years; and

(c) whether any such organizations from Kollam District in Kerala submitted any proposal for financial assistance to promote energy conservation project; if so, whether Government sanctioned the same; if not, the persent stage thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Under the Energy Conservation Act, 2001, the Bureau of Energy Efficiency and State Governments may take all measures necessary to create awareness and disseminate information for the efficient use of energy and its conservation.

Thus formation of energy conservation clubs would be encouraged. However, there is no scheme, at present to provide financial assistance to establish energy conservation clubs.

(b) Details in this regard are being collected.

(c) Three proposals for financial assistance have been received from the Energy Conservation Society, Kollam, Kerala by the Government of India. However, at present, there is no scheme to provide financial assistance to such organization, no sanction has been issued.

Proposal to CEA for technical and financial assistance for Gandhi Nagar Power Station

†92. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent a proposal to the Central Electricity Authority for according the technical and financial sanction to the 4x40 Mega Watt Gandhi Nagar Hydro Electric Power Station-II;

(b) if so, by when the said sanction would be accorded; and

(c) by when the study regarding the safety of the dam would be completed by the CWC?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The Detailed Project Report (DPR) of 4x40 MW Gandhi Nagar Hydro Electric Power Station-II, in Mandsaur district proposed to be developed in State Sector was submitted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh in February, 1993 for clearance by CEA. The DPR was examined in CEA/CWC and returned in June, 1994 due to following reasons:

(i) DPR was not cleared by CWC pending conclusion of studies on dam safety aspects.

(ii) Concurrence of Rajasthan State Electricity Board/Government of Rajasthan was required for the DPR, Cost and benefit of the project are to be shared equally by the two states *viz.* Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.